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وَأَذِیْرُ فَعْمُ إِبْرَاهِیْمَ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَیْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِیْلَ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِیْعُ الْعَلِیْمُ

*And remember the time when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House, praying, 'Our Lord, accept this from us; for Thou art All-Hearing, All-Knowing. [Ch. 2 V. 128]*

## Hadith

The Holy Prophet (saw) said: O ye people, praise Allah. Whoever builds a mosque for Allah, Allah, The Exalted, shall build a house for such a one in paradise. *(Muslim Bab Fadhal Bina Al Masjid)*

## Writings of the Promised Messiah <sup>as</sup>

"If you want Islam to progress build a mosque. Wherever our Jama'at is established, a mosque should be built. Our Jama'at's progress is founded on the construction of mosques. If there are only a few Muslims in a village or a city, build a mosque with good intentions and God will bring more Muslims to that place. It is not mandatory that the mosque be embellished or be a brick building. Wall off a piece of land and build a room with a thatched roof..." *(Malfoozat Vol 2, p. 42)*

## First Ahmadiyya Mosque in Ireland

**Summary of Friday Sermon** Delivered by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (atba), the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community *September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

Huzur (atba) delivered today's Friday Sermon from Galway in the Republic of Ireland. He recited verses of Surah Al Baqarah (ch: 2: V: 128 – 129) at the start of the sermon

Huzur (atba) said that while the objective of building a mosque is to purify and make one a better worshipper, to gather at the mosque five times a day and turn to God, it is also a source of taking the message of Unity of God to the world. To raise the sound of: 'There is none worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger', so that when this sound reaches the heavens we too are included among those with whom God is pleased.

Huzur (atba) explained that the aforementioned verses give this very same lesson by citing the incident of the father of all Prophets, Ibrahim (as) and his son Ishmael (as), while re-building the Ka'ba. God had informed them that this was the most ancient house which was to become a sign of the Unity of God for the rest of time. Yet, they prayed that may their sacrifice be associated with what they were building. They prayed that by comparison to the beneficence of which they would be recipients, their sacrifice was insignificant and indeed it was also dependant on God to accept their sacrifice. They implored for their prayer to be thus accepted and for them to be made heirs of the building, for as long as the Unity of God was to be proclaimed from it, their name remained associated with it and those who came to this house also

remembered them in their prayers. This honour was granted to him because of his perfect obedience, as God states: 'And of Abraham who fulfilled the commandments?' (53:38).

Huzur (atba) said we usually recite these verses at the inaugurations of our mosques, such is the essence of the spirit therein that we must keep in view. Even if we are making a sacrifice, we do not know whether we are making it for pretentious reasons or sincerely. God knows best, may He always include us among those who make sincere sacrifice. Huzur (atba) said our mosques are built by the members of the Community as will this mosque in Ireland. We will have to pray that may our sacrifice for this mosque becomes a source of attaining God's pleasure rather than entertaining the notion that we are making a big sacrifice. There are also individuals who have given the finances for the building of an entire mosque. God has granted the Community of the Promised Messiah (as) with people who have an amazing sense of sacrifice, yet they do not feel as though they have made a very large sacrifice nor let it go to their heads.

God thus accepted the prayer of Hadhrat Ibrahim (as) and Hadhrat Ishmael (as) and the place became the axis of all the mosques of the world and a great Prophet (saw) was born from among their progeny who established new and tremendous levels of obedience; submissiveness and sacrifice, levels much greater than those of Hadhrat Ibrahim (as). <http://www.alislam.org/archives/friday/FSS20100917-EN.html>

### **Facts and Figures about Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosques around the World in 2001**

Exclusive of Pakistan, we have over 10 thousand mosques all over the world; Asia: 815; Australia and Pacific Islands: 17; Europe: 54; North America, Central America and South America: 59; Africa: over 9000; the total comes to over 10,000. India: 1030; Indonesia: 310; Rabwah: 50 and Qadian: 5.

### **Brief History of Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosques around the World in 2001**

- 1922: Building in the heart of the city of Chicago, **Wabash Mosque**, was acquired. The money for this was donated by Ahmadi Muslims in India (\$3000).
- Oct 3, 1926: **Fazl Mosque** in London was inaugurated. Majority of the money was contributed by Lajna Imaillah (95,000 Rs.)
- April 6, 1950: The **American Fazl Mosque** was purchased (\$42,000).
- 1952: **Fazl Umar Mosque** in Dayton, Ohio was the first Muslim House of Prayer in the USA. Erected from ground up by Jama'at Ahmadiyya.
- June 22, 1963: **Mahmud Mosque** Zurich, Switzerland.
- 1959: **Fazl Umar Mosque**; Hamburg, Germany.
- July 21, 1967: **Nusrat Jehan Mosque**, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- September 10, 1982: **Basharat Mosque**, Pedro Abad, Spain (first mosque in 700 years)
- August 19, 1983: **Baitul Huda Mosque**, Sydney (first mosque in Australia)
- July 3, 1989: **Baitul Awal Mosque**, Guatemala
- July 7, 1989: **Baitul Hameed Mosque**, Los Angeles, CA USA
- October 16, 1992: **Baitul Islam Mosque**, Toronto, Canada (the largest mosque in the west)
- October 14, 1994: **Baitur Rahman Mosque**, Silver Spring, MD USA
- Oct 14, 2003: **Baitul Futuh Mosque**, Morden, Surrey UK. Total cost £5.5 million contributed by the community's members
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2008: **Khadija Mosque** in Berlin, Germany.

[www.alislam.org/library/articles/new/building-mosques.html](http://www.alislam.org/library/articles/new/building-mosques.html)



**Baitur Rehman Mosque, USA**



**Nasir Mosque Hartlepool, UK**



**Portland Mosque, USA**



**Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden UK**



**Khadija Mosque, Berlin, Germany**



**Baitun Nur Mosque, Canada**

**Upcoming Events for Atfal:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Atfal Majlis-e-Amila Meeting**

**7-9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Regional Atfal Tarbiyyat Class, Football Match at Kelvinhall, visit to Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children**

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Atfal General Meeting**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – MAA Glasgow Local Ijtema, respected Sadr MKA UK will graciously participate**

**30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Group Waqar-e-Amal at Glasgow Mission House**

**Weekly Ta'leem Classes every Sunday after Zuhr Salaat**

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